



City of Seattle
Greg Nickels, Mayor



Good Things Are Happening at Northgate!

Near-term Projects

- Northgate Branch Library, Community Center and Park
Groundbreaking spring 2005, opening late spring 2006
- 5th Avenue NE Streetscape Improvements – First phase
Construction beginning winter 2006, completion spring 2006
- Northgate Community Garden
Developing site design, construction beginning late 2005-early 2006
- Northgate Mall Redevelopment – New retail on west side and parking structure south on NE 103rd
Construction in 2006
- Northgate Commons – Cinema, restaurants, retail, apartments, condominiums, and senior housing.
Construction during 2006-2007
- Thornton Creek Water Quality Channel
Construction during 2006-2007
- New 3rd Avenue NE street extension
Construction to coincide with Northgate Commons project
- Early Phase King County Transit-Oriented Development
Planning and coordination with adjacent development underway
- Coordinating Pedestrian Connections, parking/shared parking, open spaces
Ongoing
- North Seattle Community College Major Institution Master Plan
Beginning 2004, completion 2005
- Northgate Coordinated Transportation Investment Plan
Completion 2005

Longer-term projects

- King County Transit-Oriented Development – Full build-out
- 5th Avenue NE Streetscape Improvements – Full build-out
- Potential Future Park at NE 112th Street Park and Ride Site
- Sound Transit Link Light Rail Northgate Station
Supplemental EIS and preliminary engineering complete 2005
Potential public funding vote in 2006

June 2005

For more information on the Stakeholders' work, visit their website at www.seattle.gov/dpd/planning.northgate or contact Mark Troxel at 206-615-1739 or mark.troxel@seattle.gov.



City of Seattle
Greg Nickels, Mayor



Table of Contents

Northgate Stakeholders Group	item 1
Northgate Mall Redevelopment	item 2
Transportation Planning	item 3
Pedestrian Connections	item 4
Thornton Creek Water Quality Channel	item 5
Northgate Commons	item 6
Civic Center	item 7
5th Avenue NE Street Improvements	item 8
Northgate Arts Plan	item 9
Neighborhood Arts Council	item 10
Maple Leaf Community Garden	item 11
King County/Metro Transit Center	item 12
Future Sound Transit Station	item 13

May 2005

For more information on the Stakeholders' work, visit their website at www.seattle.gov/dpd/planning/northgate or contact Mark Troxel at 206-615-1739 or mark.troxel@seattle.gov.

Northgate Stakeholders Group

The Northgate Stakeholders Group was formed in February of 2004 as a result of the agreement reached in December 2003 by Mayor Nickels, the Seattle City Council, and members of the Northgate community, and represents a wide range of interests in the revitalization of Northgate.

The group has advised the City on

- The Thornton Creek Water Quality Channel,
- A plan for open space and pedestrian connections,
- The 5th Ave NE Streetscape Design,
- Integration of Northgate Area Comprehensive Plan elements into the City of Seattle Comprehensive Plan,
- The public involvement plan and baseline assumptions for the Seattle Department of Transportation's Coordinated Transportation Investment Plan,
- Northgate Mall Redevelopment, and
- Northgate Commons (the Lorig mixed use project with ERA Care senior housing).

Stakeholders are preparing to give further advice on the Coordinated Transportation Improvement Plan, and to continue monitoring current projects.

The Northgate Stakeholders Group holds community forums from time to time to update the public on their work and gather public opinion on major projects coming to the Northgate area.

There are 22 seats on the Northgate Stakeholders Group, representing community groups, businesses, Simon Properties Group, King County/Metro, major institutions in the area, condominium owners, labor, senior citizens, and youth. The chair is Dr. Ronald H. LaFayette, President of North Seattle Community College.

For more information on the Stakeholders' work, visit their website at www.seattle.gov/dpd/planning/Northgate or contact Mark Troxel at 206-615-1739 or mark.troxel@seattle.gov.

June 2005

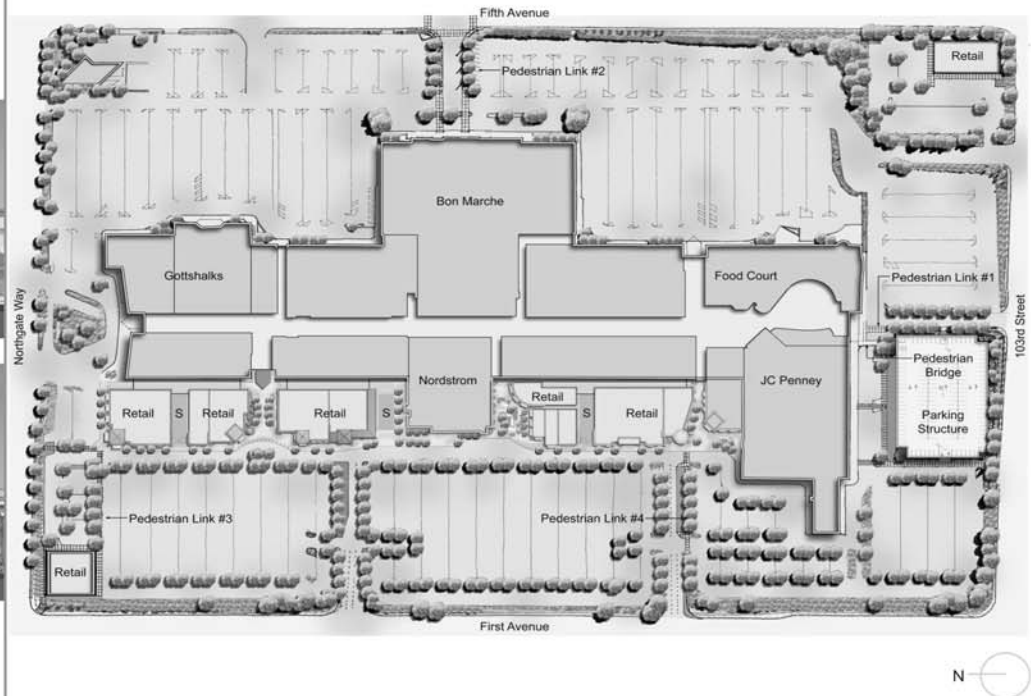


Contact Mark Troxel, DPD, for more info:
phone: 206-615-1739
e-mail: mark.troxel@seattle.gov

www.seattle.gov/dpd/planning/Northgate



CALLISON



NORTHGATE MALL

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

CLIENT: SIMON PROPERTY GROUP

FACTS:
ADDITION OF 104,000 SF
OF "LIFESTYLE RETAIL"

NEW 590 CAR PARKING
STRUCTURE

Northgate Mall is being replanned and expanded as the heart of Seattle's vision for cohesive "Urban Villages," and a center for shopping and entertainment.

This project will include:

- Removal of existing theater and medical building.
- Adding a retail lifestyle village on the westside of the existing mall. Engaging plazas and gathering spaces at the existing mall entries will make for a vibrant pedestrian experience.
- Adding storefronts, canopies and street amenities will create an urban street edge, which will ultimately create pedestrian connectivity to the adjacent northgate fabric.
- Adding new parking, landscaping and pedestrian link on westside.
- Adding retail at the NW and SE corners of the site along the street edge.
- Adding pedestrian connection to existing mall by realigning 5th Ave. entry with proposed 5th Ave. street improvement.
- New parking structure south of JC Penney with pedestrian connections to 103rd.

Project Status:

- Applied for demolition and master use permits, first quarter 2005

Investing in Transportation

An Investment Plan for the Northgate Community ~ Update May 2005

The Plan

The **Coordinated Transportation Investment Plan (CTIP)** facilitates transportation investment in the Northgate area. The plan evaluates and defines existing and future needs, builds upon previous studies and takes a fresh look at current conditions.

What's New

The CTIP team of city staff and consultants are working with stakeholders to identify and analyze how the Northgate transportation system is working today; and to develop performance measures to help us determine how best to improve the system for the future. Existing conditions will be compiled into a report. Below is a description of performance measures for each travel mode.

Performance Measures evaluate how well a transportation system is performing to meet its goals and objectives.

Benchmarks are acceptable conditions for each part of the transportation system.

Performance measures have been developed for all modes of travel and include:

PEDESTRIAN

The pedestrian system is evaluated for:

- Safety and comfort level in crossing arterial streets
- How adequate the connections are between major destinations, between neighborhoods and the urban center and within neighborhoods

BICYCLE SYSTEM

The bicycle system is evaluated for safety and ease of travel using these indicators:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| • Traffic Conditions | • Design of the Roadway |
| - traffic volumes | - number of lanes including bike lane |
| - percent of heavy vehicles | - speed limit |
| • Pavement Conditions | - width of a curb lane |

(Continued on back)



TRANSIT SYSTEM

The transit system is evaluated according to:

- Frequency of Service
- What Destinations are Served
- Reliability of Service
- Transit Speed
- Distance from Home/Job to Bus Zones
- How Well is the Route Utilized

VEHICLE SYSTEM

- On the **arterial (main) streets** CTIP evaluates safety condition, travel time along key corridors and level of delay at intersections
- On **local (residential) streets** CTIP evaluates:
 - traffic volumes and speeds
 - collision history
 - whether the street has sidewalks
 - if the street an important pedestrian connection or school walk route
 - if there sharp curves, short sight distance or other problems
- The Schedule

Spring 2004	Public involvement process kicked off
Summer 2004	CTIP Work Plan approved
Spring 2005	Identify Performance Measures and Existing Conditions
Fall 2005	Draft Northgate CTIP scheduled for release
Winter 2005	Final Northgate CTIP scheduled to be complete

Contact

For more information, please contact Tony Mazzella, SDOT Project Manager, tony.mazzella@seattle.gov, telephone 206.684.0811.

Northgate Open Space & Pedestrian Connections Draft Plan



About the Plan

Creating a pedestrian-oriented community and adding open space have been key priorities for the Northgate area for many years, as reflected in the Northgate Area Comprehensive Plan (NACP) and the 2000 Pro Parks Levy. Council Resolution 30642 (adopted December 2003) recognizes the importance of focusing on these priorities by calling on the City and the Planning Commission to produce a plan to “increase open spaces, create and enhance pedestrian connections and improve the pedestrian and bicycling environment in the Northgate Urban Center.”

Development of the Northgate Open Space and Pedestrian Connections Plan was launched with a Planning Commission workshop on March 25, 2004. It built on the NACP and earlier workshops that focused on town center concepts, the South Lot, and 5th Avenue NE as a pedestrian corridor. At this workshop, community members identified key destinations and current and desired pedestrian connections and open spaces. Their work was informed by previous plans and workshops, a community survey and work by UW landscape architecture students.

The draft plan highlights existing policies, guidelines and regulations that shape development to provide pedestrian and open space amenities and it will be refined during the Coordinated Transportation Improvement Project (CTIP) work. The plan then outlines key findings from the Planning Commission workshop and recommends steps for implementation.



Northgate Open Space & Pedestrian Connections Draft Plan



Seattle Department of Planning and Development Recommendations

Based on the input, recommendations and policies described in the draft plan, the Department of Planning and Development developed open space and pedestrian connection action recommendations. Many components will be completed in the short term and others over the next two decades. Details and further description of these recommendations are included in the plan at <http://www.seattle.gov/planningcommission>.

- **Design pedestrian corridors**
- **Tame the super-blocks**
- **Improve pedestrian routes across Interstate-5**
- **Generate neighborhood connections**
- **Consider a NE Northgate Way pedestrian overpass**
- **Acquire and develop land for a park at the Metro Park and Ride**
- **Create a pedestrian network to link existing open space**
- **Encourage North Seattle Community College to expand open space**

Seattle Planning Commission Recommendations

The Planning Commission's recommendations for improving pedestrian connections and open space at Northgate are based on analysis of the results of the Pedestrian Connections workshop; a citizen survey of over 150 residents, workers, students and business owners; the University of Washington's landscape architecture studio design work; and Commissioners' previous work on Northgate planning issues. These recommendations are offered to help inform and guide the development of the Northgate Coordinated Transportation Investment Plan and the Open Space and Pedestrian/Bicycle Circulation Plan being developed by the City. Details and further description of these recommendations are included in the plan at <http://www.seattle.gov/planningcommission>.

- **Establish a pedestrian network to connect key destinations**
- **Enhance the pedestrian experience along NE Northgate Way**
- **Refine access to and through Northgate Mall**
- **Strengthen transit connections**
- **Look to information from the workshop for short-term solutions**
- **Formulate a Northgate urban design plan**
- **Focus on pedestrian & bicycle circulation in the Coordinated Transportation Investment Plan**
- **Develop publicly accessible open space in future mixed-use & residential projects**

The design will also include native landscaping and pedestrian pathways that provide access through the site with connections to the Lorig mixed-use development, the King County Transit Center, the Northgate Mall and the new Library and Community Center just up 5th Avenue NE.

View of completed Thornton Creek Water Quality Channel



Schedule

Stage of Design:	Schematic
30% Design	May 2005
60% Design	January 2006
100% Design	January 2007
Construction	June 2007 – Dec 2008

Budget \$3.3 million maximum allowable construction cost

Community Involvement

Five meetings of presentation and discussion at the Northgate Stakeholders Group during early 2004, plus a presentation at the March Northgate Community Forum, resulted in two sets of formal advice to the City regarding the project. The two sets of Stakeholders advice addresses 1) the desired alternative for the site and 2) the reconfiguring the site to integrate the project with the Northgate Commons development proposed by Lorig Associates.

Further Information

Contact Miranda Maupin at (206) 386-9133 or miranda.maupin@seattle.gov.



NORTHGATE COMMONS Concept Description

Developer:	Lorig Associates L.L.C. and Stellar Holdings
Senior Housing Developer:	ERA Care Communities
Master Architect:	Mithun Architects
Senior Housing Architect:	Weber+Thompson Architects
Contractor:	To be determined
Location:	Seattle city block bordered by N.E. 103 rd St., N.E. 100 th St., and 5 th Ave NE.
Project Statistics:	Preliminary concept plan for creating two parcels bisected by City land for Thornton Channel water treatment. The largest parcel is located in NW corner. The size of this parcel is approximately 4.9 acres and the smaller parcel located in SE corner is approximately 1 acre. Approximately 20,000 SF will need to be allocated for ROW for a new street at 3 rd Ave NE.
Parking:	+/- 850 underground and +/- 55 surface stalls at NW lot and 69 stalls at SE lot
Key Dates:	Applied for a Master Use for Northgate Commons on May 16, 2005 and plan to break ground late spring of 2006.
Project Cost:	Not yet determined
Project Description:	<p>Preliminary concepts call for several buildings situated in the northwestern corner of the block, built over underground parking with some surface parking on site. The buildings would feature ground level retail and commercial with apartments above. Part of the project is oriented to the green space that will border the property on the eastern and southern edges. The southeastern-most corner of the will include senior housing.</p> <p>NW Corner Parcel: Approximately 200 units market rate housing, 50 units affordable housing, 110 units for sale housing and 50,000 to 60,000 SF of retail and commercial at ground level</p> <p>SE Corner Parcel: Approximately 129 senior living apartments, offering both independent and assisted living.</p>
Master Developer:	<p>Lorig has created signature mixed-use real estate projects in the Pacific Northwest for more than 30 years. Noteworthy projects include Welch Plaza in the Central Area of Seattle, Uwajimaya Village in Seattle's International District, The Village at Overlake Station, a transit oriented mixed-use development in Redmond, and The Queen Anne High School and Victoria Townhomes on Queen Anne Hill.</p> <p>Stellar Holdings is a Seattle-based private investment company with significant real estate assets in the Pacific Northwest and in select countries in Europe. Its portfolio includes apartments, office and retail in the Seattle area and office, retail and apartment development in Sweden and Poland.</p>
Senior Housing Developer:	ERACare Communities blends the finest in hospitality, healthcare and residential design to foster lifelong learning and growth. Founded in 1985, the Company enjoys affiliations with the UW School of Nursing, UW Retirement Association and the Seattle Education Auxiliary. ERACare properties include Ida Culver House Broadview, Ida Culver House Ravenna, University House Wallingford, University House Issaquah, Gardens in Bellevue, Lakeshore in Renton.

Building a new Northgate Branch, Community Center and Park, & Street Improvements for Fifth Avenue Northeast

June 2005

Absher Construction Co. of Puyallup began construction in March on the new branch library, community center and park in Northgate.

The existing buildings on the site were quickly demolished and excavation work began for the buildings and underground storm water detention vault. By late May, foundation work had started and some of the bases of the walls were going up.

The site at Fifth Avenue Northeast and Northeast 105th Street will remain completely fenced during construction.

The project is expected to be completed in mid-2006.

The Seattle Department of Transportation will begin installing \$2.1 million in street improvements on Fifth Avenue Northeast from Northeast Northgate Way to Northeast 105th Street in early 2006. The improvements include wider sidewalks, improved crossing to the Northgate Mall, street medians, street trees, and pedestrian-scale lighting.

Quick Facts

	Library	Community Center	Park	Street Improvements
Size	10,000 SF	20,000 SF	1.67 acres	1st phase: Northgate Branch Project Update 5th Ave NE between Northgate Way & NE 105th St.
Project description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collection capacity of 40,200 books & materials Meeting room Areas for children & youth Public computers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teen camps Basketball leagues Classes After-school programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-purpose recreation area Community center play area Courtyard Plaza/amphitheater 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wider sidewalks Improved crossing to Northgate Mall Street medians & trees Lighting
Total project budget*	\$6.69 million	\$8.85 million	\$4.8 million	\$2.1 million
Contact information	David Kunselman 386-4096 david.kunselman@spl.org	Tim Motzer 684-7060 tim.motzer@seattle.gov	Tim Motzer 684-7060 tim.motzer@seattle.gov	Sandra Woods 684-5298 sandra.woods@seattle.gov

Key Milestones

- **March 2005:** Construction began on the new branch library, community center and park in Northgate. The construction contract was awarded to low bidder Absher Construction Co.
- **February 2005:** Parks and the Library receive six bids from contractors for the construction contract. Four of the bids are within the project budget.
- **January 2005:** Parks and the Library re-bid the project with a revised design.
- **November 2004:** The City Council approved Mayor Greg Nickels' proposal to add \$1 million to the Northgate Branch, community center and park project as part of his 2005 budget.
- **September 2004:** Mayor Greg Nickels proposed adding \$1 million to the Northgate project as part of his 2005 budget.
- **July 2004:** Construction bids for the project came in higher than expected.
- **November 2003 & February 2004:** Residents viewed design images of the project.
- **May 2003:** Residents described their vision for the design, and discussed preferences in services, equipment, programs, library collections, and artwork.
- **March 2003:** The Library and Parks selected The Miller/Hull Partnership to design the project.
- **February 2003:** Residents commented on site plans.
- **October 2002:** The Library and Parks selected ARC Architects to provide site planning services.
- **June 2002:** The Library and Parks agreed to build the project on the former Bon Tire Center site at Fifth Avenue Northeast and Northeast 105th Street.
- **August 2001-February 2002:** Parks holds three public meetings for residents to discuss siting options for community center and park.
- **November 2000:** Seattle voters approved the \$198.2 million Pro Parks Levy.
- **May 2000:** The Library and Parks invited residents to a meeting to discuss co-locating the Northgate branch and community center.
- **January & March 2000:** Library holds two public meetings for residents to discuss siting options for new branch library.
- **November 1999:** Seattle voters approved the \$72 million community centers levy.
- **November 1998:** Seattle voters approved the \$196.4 million "Libraries for All" bond measure.



Update: 5th Avenue NE Street Improvements

June, 2005

Project Goals

- Create a pedestrian-friendly street
- Provide a more safe, attractive, public environment
- Balance the use of the street among pedestrians, vehicles, and transit

The Design

The City of Seattle worked with the community to develop a conceptual plan for 5th Avenue NE from NE 100th Street to NE 112th Street. The work is documented in the **5th Avenue NE Streetscape Design Plan Final Report**, April 2002.

Phase One

SDOT is nearing 90 percent completion of the engineered designs for Phase One. This phase includes the following items on 5th Avenue NE from Northgate Way to NE 105th Street:

- **Pedestrian promenade** and concrete textured **crosswalks** connecting the Library and Community Center with Northgate Mall and transit stops.
- **Landscaped street medians** including street trees and ground cover.
- **Wider sidewalks** with **street trees** and curb, gutter, and driveway improvements.
- Full **traffic signal** replacement with mast arms (not hung on wires), emergency vehicle preemption, in addition to **street lighting** improvements with pedestrian-scale lighting.

Project Schedule

The project will progress in tandem with work done on the library and community center.

Summer 2005—design

Fall 2005—advertise project for bids

Winter 2006—begin construction

Summer 2006—complete construction

(OVER)

For more information:

Sandra Woods
Project Manager

Seattle Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 34996
700 Fifth Avenue
Suite 3900
Seattle, WA 98124-4996

(206) 684-5298

sandra.woods@seattle.gov
[www.seattle.gov/transportation/
5thavene.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/5thavene.htm)

Community Involvement

The City of Seattle developed the **5th Avenue NE Streetscape Design Plan** as a result of extensive community involvement in 2000 and 2001.

SDOT is coordinating community outreach with the library and park projects also located on 5th Ave NE.

- March 2003: Open House, Nathan Hale High School
- September 2003: Surveyed businesses regarding best ways to keep them informed
- November 5, 2003: Open House, Olympic View Elementary School
- February 23, 2004: Open House, Olympic View Elementary School
- May 13, 2004: Northgate Community Forum, North Seattle Community College
- Summer 2004: met with businesses and property owners
- November 9, 2004: Northgate Community Forum, North Seattle Community College
- March 8, 2005: Northgate Community Forum, North Seattle Community College

SDOT will continue to work with the community throughout the project.

To schedule a presentation regarding 5th Avenue NE street improvements for your community organization, call Sandra Woods, Project Manager, Seattle Department of Transportation, (206) 684-5298.

To sign up for e-mail updates about 5th Avenue NE improvements and about planning for an improved transportation system for Northgate, visit the following web site:
www.seattle.gov/transportation/5thavene.htm



In the long term...

SDOT will continue to look for funding to complete implementation of the 5th Avenue NE Streetscape Design Plan from NE 100th Street to NE 112th Street.

Northgate Transportation Plan

Under Mayor Nickels' leadership, SDOT is evaluating existing and future transportation needs in the Northgate area.

Called the Northgate Coordinated Transportation Investment Plan (CTIP), it will recommend a long-term vision for an improved transportation system.

The study will include transportation by foot, bicycles, transit and vehicles, as well freight transport. Proposed projects such as the Monorail and Sound Transit will be included in the CTIP analysis.

The study will recommend transportation improvement projects, and assign priorities.

The City hired a consultant and began work in March 2004. The community is participating in developing and reviewing the plan, to be completed by the end of 2005.

To learn more, visit the following web site: www.seattle.gov/transportation/nctip.htm

PUBLIC ART IN THE NORTHGATE PLANNING OVERLAY DISTRICT



Seattle artist Benson Shaw is working as Artist in Residence in the CityDesign area of the Seattle's Department of Planning and Development. This is a six month residency funded by the Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs.



Shaw brings broad experience in public art related to infrastructure and public works projects. His activities include:

- Examination of public and private planning within the Northgate area.
- Drafting an Arts Plan to guide art acquisition and integration in public and private development in the Northgate area.
- Creating a proposal for a public art pilot project within the Thornton Creek Water Quality Channel project.

Questions or comments:

Mark Troxel
DPD Planner
206-615-1739
mark.troxel@seattle.gov
www.seattle.gov/dpd/planning/northgate



June 2005



The Northgate Neighborhood Arts Council is Forming!

Our mission is “to enhance our community identity through arts and culture.”

Please join us for the next meeting as listed below. If you would like to be notified by e-mail contact Lorna Mrachek at lamrachek@msn.com or leave a message at her home, (206) 366-8338.

Tuesday, June 21, 2005, 7 p.m.
Haller Lake Community Club
12579 Densmore Avenue North

The meeting will be in the Board Room, enter the building through the ground level door that is to the left of the main entrance. Parking is in front and in the back of the building.

- The Northgate Arts Council will serve as a resource for the communities that are in the overlay district of the Northgate Comprehensive Plan, including Maple Leaf, Pinehurst, Victory Heights, Haller Lake, Meadowbrook, and the Northgate area.
- The Council will work with the business community, neighborhood groups, and artists to provide public art settings within our communities.
- The Council will heighten awareness of the importance of art in our lives and communities.
- The Council will also provide opportunities to local and emerging artists.



Maple Leaf Community Garden

Next Steps

- Design Development: *Spring/Summer 2005*
- Pro Parks Levy Opportunity Fund-Oversight Committee Funding Recommendations to Mayor & City Council for Approval: *Summer 2005*
- Large Matching Fund-Citywide Review Team Funding Recommendations to Mayor & City Council: *Summer 2005*
- Pro Parks Levy Opportunity Fund & Large Matching Fund Project Awards announced: *Late Summer-Early Fall 2005*
- Construction Documents/Contractor Bids: *Fall 2005*
- Garden Construction & Work Parties: *Late 2005 throughh 2006*



The site at 529 NE 103rd Street is envisioned as a park and community garden. We hope to create a place where people will have the opportunity to grow plants, watch birds, relax in the outdoors, discover common interests, and become more engaged in the community. The property was purchased by Seattle Parks and Recreation in 2003 using funds from the Pro Parks Levy Opportunity Fund, King County Conservation Futures Levy, Department of Neighborhoods Neighborhood Matching Fund and community donations. Barker Landscape Architects is providing design services. There will be several opportunities for volunteers to participate during the next steps outlined above. Volunteers are needed to help build the garden. Obtain a volunteer pledge form on line at www.seattle.gov/COMMNTY/mapleleaf or by contacting Barbara Maxwell.

For more information contact:

Susanne Friedman, Pro Parks Planner 684-0902, susanne.friedman@seattle.gov
Rich Macdonald, P-Patch Program, 386-0088, rich.macdonald@seattle.gov
Laura Raymond, P-Patch Program, 615-1787, laura.raymond@seattle.gov
Barbara Maxwell, Maple Leaf Community Council, 524-1502, tbmax@juno.com





King County DOT / TOD Program Northgate Urban Center Update

Ongoing Projects	Latest Activities
<i>Coordination with City on 5th Avenue Pedestrian Improvements</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New sidewalks ▪ Bus shelters ▪ Pedestrian crossings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Working with SDOT on traffic modeling and related traffic issues
<i>NE 100th Street Pedestrian Improvements</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pedestrian crossing to properties south of the transit center ▪ Signal at NE 100th St. and 2nd Ave. NE ▪ New sidewalks and pedestrian amenities on NE 100th St. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preliminary engineering/planning stage for signal and pedestrian improvements
<i>Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Program</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ongoing King County DOT effort to link multi-modal transit choices with land development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Working with Sound Transit on Northgate light rail station location ▪ Analyzed parking for area around NE 103rd St. and future 3rd Ave NE – Shared parking & Transit Demand Management. Coordinating with Northgate Coordinated Transportation Investment Plan (CTIP) ▪ Working with Simon Properties (& KPFF) to consider shared parking in new garage and pedestrian connections to transit ▪ Ongoing assessment of real estate market potential for TOD
<i>New 3rd Ave. NE</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ County to build new 3rd Ave. NE between NE 100 St. & 103rd St. ▪ City evaluating options for pedestrian and traffic circulation improvements at NE 103rd St. ▪ Pedestrian access from new 3rd Ave. NE to Northgate Transit Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Working with the City & Lorig Associates on pedestrian design, street design, and coordination with TOD planning. ▪ Shared Parking Program w/ Lorig

For more information contact Matthew Aho, TOD Project Manager, King County Dept. of Transportation, at (206) 263-4724 or Matt.Aho@METROKC.GOV.
www.metrokc.gov/kcdot/alts/tod/



Northgate Station North Link Light Rail Fact Sheet



MAY 2005

The North Link Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement considered two general station options for Northgate. Northgate station options are being analyzed during preliminary engineering and will consider recent public and private development plans. Sound Transit continues to work with King County Metro, the City of Seattle, and other Northgate stakeholders. Access to the transit center and park-and-ride facilities is also being considered.

The Sound Transit Board identified a preferred North Link station site in November 2004. The preferred alternative spans NE 103rd Street with a station entrance on the Northgate mall property north of NE 103rd, and an entrance south of NE 103rd near the Metro Transit Center (see map on reverse side).

KEY FEATURES

- 2030 Daily boardings: approximately 11,000 at Northgate
- Elevated station approximately 25 feet above ground
- Two station entrances: elevators, escalators and stairs will be provided at each entrance
- Tail and pocket tracks north of the station

STATION FACILITIES

- Elevated station platform and trackway with two entrances
- Ticketing machines
- Covered bike storage

ISSUES CONSIDERED DURING PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING

- Station location, entrance, and functional design
- Pedestrian, bus and bike access
- Construction staging areas
- Potential park-and-ride lot impacts
- Future extension of light rail north of Northgate Station



Northgate Urban Center



North Link map

NEXT STEPS

North Link is only one part of Sound Transit's effort to plan for the region's transportation future. With Puget Sound expected to grow by 1.2 million people over the next 20 years, getting around is going to be more challenging than ever. That is why the Sound Transit Board has asked the agency to undertake two major initiatives: (1) detailed studies on the preferred North Link route and stations, and (2) a region-wide planning effort to look at ways to meet future growth and transportation demands. Sound Transit will use this work to evaluate options, priorities and costs, as well as ways to fund these key investments in our regional mass transit system.

Sound Transit is now completing preliminary engineering on the preferred route and other work necessary to become eligible for federal funding. Minor modifications to station locations and the route were made through the preliminary engineering process. This summer, Sound Transit will release an additional draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) that will provide further environmental information related to the modifications and additional project information. A 45-day formal comment period and a public hearing will follow the release of this document. This draft SEIS will be combined with the original draft SEIS published in 2003 into the North Link Final SEIS, which is expected to be released in fall 2005. Once the Final SEIS is released, the Sound Transit Board will formally adopt the project along with a schedule and budget.

Sound Transit will continue working closely with communities along the North Link route to identify appropriate measures to ease major construction or operation impacts. Sound Transit will also provide opportunities for neighborhoods to be involved in the design of the North Link light rail stations and other project elements.



NORTHGATE STATION

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the North Link project, please contact Brooke Belman, Sound Transit community outreach specialist, at (206) 398-5238 or belmanb@soundtransit.org.